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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2004, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 1 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract at page 18 with the following amended Abstract (also attached as a separate page hereto):

ABSTRACT:

A service level agreement may be imposed by a service provider, such as an Internet service provider, that may include, e.g., a volume limitation and a bandwidth limitation. One or more limitations of the service level agreement may be enforced or modified in response to a

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. triggering event. For example, a bandwidth limitation on a network subscriber may be enforced or modified based on how much data is consumed by the subscriber.